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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 18 July 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Mr. Carlucci said he learned yesterday the Congressional Conference Report re SES (SIS) will limit bonus payments to only 25 percent of those eligible in 1980; further, the report provides for no payments in 1981. It was noted this action apparently results from some agencies, NASA for one, moving too early in 1980 to reward a number of employees in excess of the 25 percent limit on eligibility. Fitzwater and Lipton explained the lack of funds for payments in 1980. Mr. Carlucci asked Fitzwater and Lipton with OLC to look into this as it relates to our situation in 1980 and advise. (Action: OPPPM, in coordination with Comptroller and OLC) []

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Lipton reported OMB approval of [] in travel fund relief against our request of []. He will provide options re apportionment to directorates at next week's Comptroller meeting with the DD's. []

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Hetu said Henry Bradsher, Washington Star, phoned yesterday for detailed information on our pre-publication review process, noting Bradsher questioned whether or not former Director Bush is required to submit his speeches for pre-review when such speeches include matters of intelligence. Hetu said he was noncommittal with Bradsher on the matter and that he mailed a copy of PRB regulations to Bradsher for review and later discussion. Silver and Hetu noted this has not been a problem thus far re Bush, and they explained current criteria for pre-review. Hetu added the PRB is meeting today and will take up the matter of what our approach/criteria should be for future dealings in what are gray areas. []

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Hetu handed out copies of a souvenir photo album on the Agency which he said would be provided henceforth to retirees by OPPPM. []

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[] called attention to the Letelier case, noting SSCI interest in potential involvement by the Agency and former Director Bush. He said this stems from allegations contained in a recent book, Assassins on Embassy Row, by John Dinges and Saul Landau. Briggs noted he is already looking into the matter at the Director's request. []

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[] said our briefing to the SSCI on 22 July will be our last big chance to drive hard for Identities Legislation. Mr. Carlucci agreed and said he intends to dramatize the seriousness of our need and underscore the fact that without legislation we will suffer casualties in the future. Silver explained possible approaches the Government might take to curb further revelations by Louis Wolf. Mr. Carlucci advised Goldin to get with Silver and pick up on this for possible inclusion in the draft text for use next Tuesday. []

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Relatedly, Silver reported he is working with oversight committee staffers and noted the staffers appear to be giving less regard to the current DOJ position on Identities Legislation. Mr. Carlucci suggested it might be helpful to provide staffers with a copy of the chronology statement on the Jamaica incident. []

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Briggs, referring to the Letelier case, said we are faced with a complex situation involving FOIA requests, Congressional queries, and a court case underway. He advised that direct queries to IPS, OPA, etc., be coordinated centrally through OGC. []

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